

THE MUSKERRY U13 NEWS

Muskerry travel to Wexford to tackle Leinster champions



Muskerry Under 13's travelled to Wexford town on April 2nd to play Wexford Wanderers who had just been crowned Leinster Premier U13 champions. An excited group of 23 players and 20 adults left by bus at lunchtime and after checking into our hotel in Wexford made our way to Wexford's well appointed ground. The sunny south east was living up to it's name and Wexford were giving us the full VIP treatment with an official photographer in place and a video camera ready to go on a gantry. With a big home following in the stand and a vocal Muskerry following on the sideline, the scene was set for a great encounter.

A physically imposing Wexford team took the field and the visitors opened reasonably well but it was clear after the first ten minutes or so that the home team were a notch above any team Muskerry had encountered this season. Strong and athletic, Wexford piled the pressure on the brave lads from Cork, and with the excitement of the trip and the 3 hour bus journey taking its toll, the Muskerry lads were unable to cope with the brand of total rugby played by our hosts and eventually the floodgates opened. Muskerry gamely tackled everything in sight but it was the home team who ran out comfortable winners.

After the main game both sides swapped players and a highly enjoyable game was played between the two sides (Musford and Wexkerry?) Highlights of this game were a try in the Wexford colours for Robert O'Callaghan and a try for 'Muskerry' for Ciaran O'Connor. After this game players and spectators made their way to the cozy Wanderers bar. The Wexford club president presented us with club ties and we in turn presented a Muskerry top to the home team's coach. The big crowd then settled into to watch coverage of the Munster - Leinster game on the big screen and there was great banter amongst the rival supporters.

A tired group of players returned to the hotel later that evening and after a welcome pizza made straight for their beds. The following morning the players enjoyed a session in the pool before we made our way back to Cork. A great trip was had by all and the welcome we received from our friends in Wexford was fantastic. I am now taking suggestions for next year's trip!!

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